

Virginia Department of Health Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report November 5, 2007

WORLDWIDE UPDATE

- The World Health Organization updated its Cumulative Number of Confirmed Human Cases of Avian Influenza A/(H5N1) on October 31, 2007. The report now reflects a total of 333 cases, including 204 deaths (61.3%). The only country that has reported any case activity since September is Indonesia. Cases identified there continue to have had exposure to sick or dead poultry prior to illness onset.
- Federal Draft Guidance on Allocating and Targeting PanFlu Vaccine was published on 10/23/07: http://www.pandemicflu.gov/vaccine/prioritization.html

VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office

- The next PanFlu Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007, from 9a.m. until 1p.m. at the Holiday Inn Koger Center South in Richmond (1021 Koger Center Boulevard). Registration is available at https://vatrain.org or https://vdh.virginia.gov/EPR/Training.
- EP&R Deputy Commissioner and Alexandria Health District's Planner attended a meeting of the Primary Care Organizations Consortium (PCOC) in Alexandria to discuss the role of primary care physicians in responding to an influenza pandemic. The meeting was sponsored by AHRQ and attended by several of their federal officials. PCOC includes representatives of organizations of primary care physicians nationwide. The meeting resulted in a number of recommendations on how primary care physicians can become more involved in planning for a pandemic of influenza, as well as discussions of the key role of primary care providers in responding to a pandemic.
- Division of Immunization staff conducted trainings for District Health Department staff on CRA, the Countermeasure and Response Administration. CRA is the web based application to be used to record doses-administered data and transmit that information to CDC in the event that pandemic influenza vaccine is administered.
- Nichole Page joined EP&R as the new State Volunteer Coordinator. She will revitalize the implementation of the public health volunteer data base and collaborate on existing volunteer initiatives. Her e-mail address is Nichole.Page@vdh.virginia.gov, and her telephone number is 804-864-7036.
- On November 8-9, a ten member team will represent Virginia at the National Governors' Association Region III Pandemic Influenza TTX in the NCR.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to following VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports

Central Region

O Rapid Response Training: Multi-Agency Response to Avian Influenza in the United States was held in the Eastern Shore Health District, as one of two multi-agency rapid response avian influenza programs targeted at significant poultry producing regions of the state and included all partner agencies potentially involved. The seminar focused on identifying the potential for human health problems associated with cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry; minimizing the risk of spread of further human infection if human infection of the disease is identified; providing

guidance to individuals who are involved in response activities to protect them against the risk of infection, minimizing the risk of viral re-assortment; and providing guidance to multi-disciplinary rapid response teams. The Regional Industrial Hygienist was a key speaker. The target audience included: health care workers, infection control practitioners, laboratory personnel, epidemiologists, commercial poultry personnel, veterinarians, extension agents, emergency management personnel, environmental quality personnel and game and wildlife personnel. The program was presented by the Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Division of Consolidated Labs; Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; and the United States Department of Agriculture.

• Eastern Region

- o Epidemiologist, Surveillance Coordinator and PIO participated in the Rapid Response Training: A Multi-Agency Response to Avian Influenza.
- Regional Surveillance Coordinator served as evaluator to UVA-Center for Risk
 Management of Engineering Systems students' capstone seminar project:
 "Collaborative Risk-Based Preparedness for Pandemic Influenza". They aim to
 develop a risk modeling tool for the assessment and management of interventions,
 such as mask distribution, to reduce the spread of influenza during a pandemic.
- o Epidemiologist attended meeting in Richmond regarding the legal considerations of social distancing.
- PIO attended PanFlu training in Baltimore, MD, at the National Public Health Information Coalition Conference. This training included messaging ideas, printer materials and websites for more information.

• Northern Region

- o PIO served as panelist, along with former HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson, Ivan Walks and others for the DC-based Non-Profit Roundtable on a PanFlu scenario.
- o PIO assisted HHS, DHS and several CDC PIOs and consultants on PanFlu messaging project in DC. PIO also was interviewed and filmed for CDC use on the topic of "the value of message mapping and pre-planning public health messages."
- O PIO is working on new video project to be used by FEMA's Determined Accord PanFlu/COOP planning and was asked by HHS to coordinate local representatives, all working on pandemic planning at the community level, to be interviewed and filmed. In addition to the FEMA exercise package, this video will be used on www.pandemicflu.gov and a wide variety of other public relations applications.
- Regional team members working with Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance have established a planning work group to address alternate care facilities and altered standards of care in response to a PanFlu. Target completion of planning process is November 2008.

• Southwest Region

- Planner presented to the Virginia Adult Home Association at their annual conference at Mountain Lake, Virginia. Several emergency planning items were presented, including the need to plan for a PanFlu outbreak.
- o Trainer coordinated and taught "NIMS in a Nutshell" to the Lenowisco Health District, which will help prepare the local health district to prepare for emergencies including PanFlu.
- Trainer, Planner and PIO assisted with the New River Health District's Drive-Through point of dispensing (POD) exercise, which provided experience with high volume vaccination and public education.

- Trainer and Planner completed coordinating details for the upcoming NIMS 400 and the Train-the-Trainer course to be held in the Region on Dec. 4-6. This training will help prepare the local health districts to prepare for emergencies including PanFlu.
- PIO participated in the planning for the "Flu's Clues" pilot school vaccination project in the Lenowisco Health District, and the FluEx '07 Exercise for the Cumberland Plateau and Lenowisco Health Districts.
- o PIO participated in the planning for the response to the tabletop exercise and flu POD in Rustburg (Central Virginia HD).

VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports

• Alexandria

- Submitted revised PanFlu plan to Mayor's PanFlu Working Group for review at the upcoming November meeting. Significant revisions have been made in Fatality Management and Medical Surge sections of plan.
- Continued to work with City GIS staff to revise locations for distribution of medication.
- o Met with school system to continue work on schools' pandemic plans.
- o Started release of Request for Proposals for work on special needs section of Plan.
- o Finalized plans for drill in November testing ability to provide vaccine to special needs population.

• Arlington

- District is collaborating with Arlington Police Department on awareness training for mass fatality situations relevant to PanFlu. The target audience is all staff in partnering agencies
- o Braille and audio versions of the PanFlu brochure are now available in Arlington libraries.
- PSA information are being aired and viewed at Arlington movie theatres and on METRO (mass transit) ads.

• Central Shenandoah

- o Planner has finished assisting Rockbridge County Pandemic with preparations for the November Drive-Through Flu Vaccination Exercise to be held in Lexington.
- District Planner, along with Lord Fairfax's Planner, gave a PanFlu update and emergency preparedness presentation to the NW Regional Hospital group and Regional Long Term Care Facilities.

• Central Virginia

- O Director, Planner, Epidemiologist, Business Manger, Nurse Manager and Environmental Manager participated in a VDEM Region 3 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) exercise focusing on regional response to public health emergency (PanFlu). The tabletop exercise involved administrative and emergency planning staff from the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell and the cities of Lynchburg and Bedford. In addition, Social Services, some school districts, the local infectious diseases medical practice, Community Service Board, Red Cross, Centra Health, Bedford Memorial Hospital, local businesses, such as Areva, and the local funeral directors group participated. The Central Virginia Public Information Network was featured prominently in the exercise. Tabletop exercise was followed by simultaneous dispensing drills, staffed by the District, in Campbell County and Bedford County.
- o Epidemiologist sent out PanFlu informational brochures to over 600 area doctors.

Chesapeake

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) presented PanFlu prevention information, distributed pamphlet and taught and interacted with the students and their parents at the Indian River Community Center's Health & Wellness Fair and at the Greenbrier Middle School's Health and Wellness Fair.
- o Director was the guest speaker at the evening Quarterly meeting of the MRC and presented: "Pan Flu and You, What You Can Do."
- o Annual Respiratory Protection program training, containing a PanFlu informational component, was provided to the entire Health District staff by the Planner.
- New PanFlu Administrative Assistant joined the District to help expand its community outreach.

Chesterfield

- o New PanFlu Coordinator began employment.
- o Presentations made to a civic organization and new MRC members; brief overview provided to employees of local business.
- o Participated in a health/safety fair at a local elementary school; providing PanFlu literature to parents and engaged children in a game focused on PanFlu.
- o Provided corporate office of a large business with PanFlu literature for an employee health fair.
- o The *Chesterfield Observer* newspaper will download from the VDH EPR web site (<u>www.vdh.virginia.gov/EPR</u>) the seasonal flu fact sheet to run with a credit line in their November 7 edition.

Chickahominy

- o Distributed PanFlu/ Seasonal Flu posters in Spanish and English to District customers and throughout Hanover, Charles City and New Kent Counties.
- o PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu, Seasonal Flu and Hand Washing presentation to retired residents at Christian Village in Hanover County.
- Collaborated with New Kent County School Superintendent and PanFlu Planner and Health Services Coordinator for Hanover County Schools on PanFlu planning, Seasonal Flu and Hand Washing Campaign for students and staff; pandemic school plan refined to broaden tasks and pandemic phases, as well as school closure process.
- o Pandemic Three messages now running on Hanover Cable channel 99.
- o PanFlu/Seasonal Flu and Hand Hygiene posters distributed to Hanover County nursing home, Hanover Adult Manor, Alpha House, Ashland Convalescent Center, day care centers and Department of Parks and Recreation. Information packets and pre-pandemic planning packets sent to all long-term care facilities in the District.
- Coordinated with Three Rivers Health District's PanFlu/Emergency Planner and Head Start District Coordinator for PanFlu presentation at monthly in-service for Head Start staff in four counties.
- o PanFlu and Hand washing presentation given to Quinn Rivers' Healthy Families and Project Hope staff located in Charles City County.
- o Participated in Pamunkey Regional Jail PanFlu Exercise.
- Charles City School Pandemic Planner, School Nurse and Administrator continuing PanFlu planning. Pre-PanFlu campaign being implemented, including letters to parents and emphasis on teaching hand washing to students.
- o PanFlu presentation given to Mechanicsville Medical Center staff, physicians.
- o Packets of PanFlu information prepared for Pandemic Drill in Charles City County.

• Crater

- o Planning efforts continue as the District plans for a PanFlu mass dispensing exercise at the Petersburg Union Train Station. Seasonal flu vaccine will be distributed.
- o Participated in Petersburg PanFlu Advisory Team meeting, which focused on developing a local plan. A separate team was appointed to rework the draft plan and begin to identify what response is needed by each department specifically. Planner will participate in that team as well.

• Cumberland Plateau

- PanFlu Coordinator and Emergency Planner wrote joint press releases with New Peoples' Bank's Communications Officer and Buchanan County Schools' Safety Director detailing those organizations' pandemic planning efforts.
- PanFlu Coordinator's and Emergency Planner's community emergency preparedness education efforts were highlighted in the Lebanon News' Emergency Preparedness Insert
- o Epidemiologist, Social Worker and PanFlu Coordinator presented a PanFlu presentation to a group of Tazewell County drug court participants.
- o PanFlu POD exercise (FluEx'07) scheduled for November 12.
- Director, Epidemiologist, PanFlu Coordinator, Nurse Director and Clerk Supervisor participated in several teleconference planning meetings to implement a pilot influenza vaccine clinic project (Flu Clues) for Russell and Tazewell County school systems; District staff conducted Flu Clues clinics in two Russell County elementary schools.
- Planner met with the following groups to discuss PanFlu planning preparedness efforts: Russell County Public Schools Safety and Preparedness committee, Russell County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee and American Red Cross Mountain Empire Chapter Disaster Committee.

• Eastern Shore

- o Educator participated in the two-day Rapid Response: Avian Influenza Training.
- o Glo-Germ Hand Awareness Programs were scheduled for three elementary schools.
- o Three residential nursing facilities received an in-service on influenza and norovirus.
- o Educator participated in a migrant health fair and distributed PanFlu and hand washing information.
- Educator sat in on the webinar, "Disaster Preparedness for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing," which is an important topic because, during a pandemic, we need to be able to communicate with and perform outreach to those with special needs.
- o Planner submitted local PanFlu budget with emphasis on building stronger partnerships with the local schools through increased education and coordination.

Fairfax

- Provided PanFlu education to seven senior citizen groups in the following localities: Pimmit, Falls Church, Lorton, Herndon, Sully, and to the Korean Senior Center in Vienna and the Jewish Senior Center.
- o Trained three new PanFlu staff: a program manager and two educator/outreach workers.
- o Conducted ten visits to hospital department meetings and physician lounges to promote November N-95 fit test train-the-trainer sessions.
- Met with Physician Advisory Committee for the N-95 PPE Campaign to review outreach strategies to reach the physicians and discuss program continuation beyond the PanFlu grant program.

• Hampton

- o Schools' PanFlu Working Group and School Safety Committee met.
- o Met on PanFlu with NASA and 1st Medical Group, the Fast Forward program, and the Sheriff's Office.
- o Final preparations for mass immunization in the jail and its annex.
- Planner continues monthly meetings with following City of Hampton representatives to discuss PanFlu preparation: Public Works, Police, Fire/EMS, City Attorney, Risk Management and Sheriff's Office.

• Henrico

- o Planner and Director continued to work with County officials and an architectural firm on the plans for a Henrico County contingency quarantine facility.
- o PanFlu/MRC Coordinator and Planner attended a regional MRC Coordinator meeting to discuss training and readiness strategies for area MRC programs.
- o Planner and MRC/PanFlu coordinator continued planning District's PanFlu exercise.
- Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu/MRC Coordinator completed 22 of 26 planned outreach visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to discuss outbreak prevention and management, emergency preparedness and PanFlu.
- o PanFlu/MRC Coordinator provided Shelter Nurse Training with emphasis on PanFlu planning to District's MRC volunteers.
- MRC/PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu information to three combined classes of English as a Second Language (ESL) groups comprising Hispanic, Russian, African and Indian students and presented PanFlu and MRC information to Care-A-Van program attendants.
- o Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.
- O District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which emphasized MRSA infection control procedures that can be used in PanFlu outbreak, to local healthcare facilities and providers, schools, first responders, county officials and others.

Lenowisco

- O Director, Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator took part in planning the FluEx '07 POD mass—dispensing drill.
- PanFlu Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation to teachers, nurses and staff
 of all Wise County schools. Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator
 presented the slide show at staff meetings at 13 schools, as part of the low-cost, inschool flu vaccination pilot project.
- o Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator prepared a survey letter, vaccination consent forms and informational material for Norton City Schools. The clinics in November will exercise using Wise and Norton schools as alternate vaccination sites.
- o PanFlu Coordinator attended quarterly Southwest Virginia Hospital Emergency Preparedness Commission meeting. Planned budget for purchases and distribution of ventilators, N95 masks, body bags, etc., to regional hospitals was presented.
- Educator distributed PanFlu brochures to students and staff of Twin Springs High School in Scott County.

• Lord Fairfax

- o Presented PanFlu preparedness information at the Northwest Regional Hospital Partners meeting to an audience of Nursing Home and Assisted Living facilities.
- o Attended a planning meeting and developed an Exercise Plan for the Page Memorial Hospital PanFlu Exercise in Page County.
- o Reviewed the PanFlu Response Plan for the Lynn Care Center in Front Royal.

Loudoun

- o Scheduled: PanFlu presentations in the Loudoun County Library System's "Alive! @ the Library" program series and for the Leesburg Presbyterian Church.
- o Manned a PanFlu display and provided PanFlu information and handouts to hundreds of employees at the AOL Corporate health fair in Ashburn.
- o Provided PanFlu presentations to St. Theresa School's staff, Purcellville Latter Day Saints Church, Purcellville Rotary Club, Leesburg Senior Center, Leesburg Water and Sewer Department and new MRC members and staffed an information table at the Cool Spring Elementary Family Resource Night.
- O Distributed PanFlu emergency preparedness materials to the following groups: Christ the Redeemer Church's Information Fair, Leesburg's Town Hall, Leesburg's Emergency Preparedness Fair and to CVS pharmacies, Leesburg Pharmacy, Giant Food, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Bloom, Harris Teeter and Costco stores during seasonal flu shot clinics are being held.
- Created a PanFlu display for use during the National Customer Service Week and Loudoun Public libraries (Ashburn, Cascades, and Purcellville) see e-mail attachment).
- o Distributed 5,500 'Loudoun County Prepares' CDs to high school students participating in the annual Emergency Exercise. CDs provide link to PanFlu website.
- o Distributed the October issue of 'Check Notes', a monthly human resources flyer containing an influenza preparedness message, to all county employees.
- o Provided PanFlu video CDs to Leesburg, Purcellville, and Cascades public libraries, to be included in collections for checkout and home viewing.
- o District's PanFlu tabletop display was introduced in a press release to county newspapers, radio and TV outlets.
- o Provided a news spot on the Loudoun County web site regarding the Leesburg Emergency Preparedness Fair.
- o Developed a seasonal flu shot news release for the Loudoun County commuter bus company for distribution to their customers via their "BusBiz" email.
- Created seasonal/PanFlu public service announcement slide for the Tallyho Theatre in Leesburg for inclusion in their November pre-movie advertisements.
- o Partnered with the Leesburg Police Department in placing two electronic signboards along key commuter routes in Leesburg advertising the need to get seasonal flu shots and highlighting the District's influenza web site.
- o Completed an agreement with Radford University to accept a college student intern in 2008 to assist with PanFlu educational and outreach activities

Mount Rogers

 District and Virginia Department of Corrections Marion Treatment Center, for mentally ill inmates, participated in an influenza dispensing drill. Department of Corrections Nursing Staff dispensed approximately 50 doses of the influenza vaccine to inmates housed in the facility.

• New River

- Director, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist and Planner continue to communicate PanFlu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups and faith organizations.
- Planner co- chaired Pulaski County's third annual safety day where the District took the opportunity to inform and educate the public about PanFlu.

 District staff, with assistance from Radford City and Radford University staff, conducted its third annual drive-through mass dispensing exercise where 400 free flu vaccines were administered.

Norfolk

- Planner and Director discussed PanFlu preparedness practices for children at the Norfolk Public School Healthcare Committee meeting. Good hand washing and other preventative practices were emphasized, with the possibility, and consequences, of school/day care closings discussed.
- o Planner attended Eastern Virginia Medical School Emergency Management Committee and Pandemic Influenza Ad Hoc meeting.
- O Director, Epidemiologist, Occupational Health, Planner, and Environmental personnel participated in a discussion of infectious disease isolation/quarantine at the Norfolk International Airport ACEP (Airport Committee for Emergency Preparedness) meeting, in preparation for upcoming Pan Flu tabletop exercise.
- Planner participated in the Consortium for Infant and Child Health (CINCH) outreach meeting, where the finalized version of the "Children with Special Health Care Needs" Emergency Packet was presented. The packet is ready for printing and covers preparedness for many types of emergencies, including PanFlu.

• Peninsula

- Planner continues to provide PanFlu updates from CIDRAP to key players at each acute care facility, the military clinics and the emergency managers. Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit 2 reports are provided to emergency managers, Acute Care facilities, Nursing Facilities and service organizations.
- o Planner sat as a panel member and provided a briefing to 80 community members from Williamsburg and James City County.
- O Director provided "Preparing for PanFlu" to the Peninsula section of the American Society of Safety Engineers, safety professionals from governmental, major industry and scientific facilities.
- MRC members provided PanFlu handouts with all-hazards preparedness materials at the Poquoson Community Health Fair, the James City County Fire Prevention Open House and the Poquoson Seafood Festival.

Piedmont

- Educators and Public Health Nurses delivered preparedness materials and presentation to local community groups and events. These included community festivals, health fairs, sororities, day care centers, faith-based organizations, and businesses.
- PanFlu Educator distributed preparedness materials, including Hand Washing and Cover Your Cough posters, to several local businesses.
- PanFlu Educator conducted workshop at Longwood College for over 60 local day care center workers on Fighting the Spread of Germs.
- PanFlu Educator conducted 75 presentations on Prevention of Spread of Germs to five local school systems, reaching more than 1,200 students. Also provided Hand Washing and Cover Your Cough posters for classrooms and restrooms in local school systems.
- Planner and PanFlu Educator are conducting MRC orientation sessions in all seven counties of the District with the goal of expanding membership to help for potential medical surge that may be associated with PanFlu.

• Pittsylvania Danville

- PanFlu Educator distributed PanFlu information and brochures to employees at Techma U.S.A., Inc., teachers at Woodlawn Academy and patients at District Flu Clinics.
- PanFlu Educator provided PanFlu programs to Glenwood Elementary, Woodlawn Academy, Pittsylvania County Fire and Rescue Association and residents of Ingram Heights Housing Project.
- o Planner and PanFlu Educator presented PanFlu update to the Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- o Planner worked with American National Bank to develop their PanFlu plan.

Portsmouth

- o An interactive, educational board on PanFlu and preparedness was displayed at the local library. Informational brochures on PanFlu and hygiene are displayed as well.
- Educator presented six classes on hand washing and hygiene at local day care centers and private elementary schools. Each child received a bag of information on flu shots and incentives including hand sanitizer and tissues.
- o Letters were sent to local private schools encouraging educating children on the prevention of spreading germs, washing hands and hygiene.

• Prince William

- Planner and Nurse Manager continued to review District's Respiratory Plan to determine mask fitting needs and personal protection equipment (PPE) training.
- o Discussing legal issues for PanFlu planning locally.
- Planner received completed District PPE DVD reviewing best practices for PPE training with Portacount Fit Testing Machine; also received training for using the machine.
- Planner attended a Faith Community Briefing Planning Meeting to begin planning for a briefing for the faith community in January.

• Rappahannock

- O District exercised its PanFlu plan by conducting two influenza mass vaccination clinics. The morning clinic was a walk-thru clinic for the City of Fredericksburg and the afternoon clinic was a drive-thru for the County of Spotsylvania. Area volunteers from the Rappahannock MRC and area CERT groups were used, along with health department staff and local law enforcement. These clinics were in preparation for a large scale outbreak, such as PanFlu.
- Epidemiologist attended Caroline County Public Schools Health Advisory Board Meeting. PanFlu Protocol/Plan development continued.
- o Educator attended county health fair and distributed PanFlu materials.
- o Public Health Response Team development continued at several meetings throughout the month.
- o Epidemiologist attended Spotsylvania County PanFlu planning committee meeting.
- o Planner and Educator participated in Regional Jail's tabletop exercise.

• Rappahannock-Rapidan

- o District staff gave out PanFlu and preparedness materials at six health fairs.
- o District staff gave four presentations on PanFlu and preparedness to community groups.
- o Educator provided an article on flu and PanFlu to the Piedmont Parents magazine.
- o Staff attended the CRA training in preparation for a mass flu vaccination exercise.
- o Planner participated in PanFlu planning with the Germanna Community College Health subcommittee.

- Planner participated in a presentation on PanFlu at the Northwest Hospital group meeting for Nursing Home administrators.
- O District staff prepared for a mass flu vaccination exercise scheduled for November 5. This included significant advertising in the media and through community partners.

• Roanoke/Alleghany County

- o Educator contracted a billboard in the Roanoke area and a newspaper ad in the *Roanoke Times* this month about flu awareness.
- o Educator presented on PanFlu to the Virginia Correctional Association and Virginia Probation and Parole Association at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center

Southside

- Conducted mini PanFlu infection control presentation for the resource mothers program and prenatal parents, for Boydton Elementary and at the Mecklenburg County Fair; distributed PanFlu outreach personal reusable thermometers.
- o Contacted three churches to use as pilot churches in our "Mission Shut-In".
- Conducted a PanFlu and Infection control presentation for the staff of the Open Door Mission.
- o Participated in a flu vaccination exercise for Halifax Regional Hospital staff practicing emergency clinic design and flow.
- Scheduled PanFlu and Infection Control presentations during Brunswick County Public School PTA meetings.
- o Briefed District staff, Halifax County Public Schools and other supporting entities in preparation for the Mass Vaccination Clinic, conducting final preparation for the clinic to be held on November 8.
- o Received PanFlu, Infection Control and home care booklets and prepared them for distribution to students in the District's three counties.

• Thomas Jefferson

- Distributed educational materials through schools, health department and CVS immunization clinics.
- o PanFlu Educator attended a conference on spiritual response to disasters and pandemics at UVA, set up district PanFlu display, distributed materials.
- o PanFlu Educator met with USPS representative to discuss bags to be used by local pharmacies for mailing chronic medications in a pandemic.
- o PanFlu Educator prepared articles to submit to local newspapers/newsletters.

Three Rivers

- Planner scheduled PanFlu presentation to Head Start Programs from King William, New Kent, Charles City and Caroline County in conjunction with Chickahominy Health District.
- o Planner briefed Gloucester County Local Emergency Planning Commission and Lancaster County Public Safety Committee on upcoming drive-thru mass flu clinics.
- Public Health Nurses and the WIC coordinator handed out health department literature including PanFlu and Hand Washing brochures at: the West Point Crab, Montross Fall and Urbanna Oyster festivals, the Mathews Lions Club Health Fair and to King William County Schools.
- District staff, along with MRC and Community Emergency Response Team volunteers, conducted simultaneous mass drive-thru influenza vaccinations clinics at the Mathews and Lancaster County Rescue Squad buildings. In less than two and one half hours, 450 doses were administered.

• West Piedmont

- O Planner made a presentation to the Franklin County EMS captains about the importance of surveillance and PPE during a pandemic.
- Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital Safety meeting. The meeting included a table top drill to review the hospital's PanFlu plan. Members of the Franklin County PanFlu Planning Group were invited to observe the exercise.
- Planner provided an update on PanFlu and planning to attendees of the Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital Safety Seminar.
- o Planner and Nursing Supervisor started the Priority Project for PanFlu in Patrick County with the county's first committee meeting.
- o Planner set up a PanFlu display for Martinsville Wal-Mart and answered visitors' questions as part of Wal-Mart's Community Safety initiative.

• Western Tidewater

- Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Franklin/Southampton PanFlu committee meeting where the committee finalized presentations to be given to community businesses and groups, began advertising to offer PanFlu presentations/preparation steps and began giving presentations. Work continues on establishing an MOU for temporary morgues
- o The Suffolk Bio-terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) continues efforts on hazard planning and establishing preparedness plans for city agencies.
- o The Isle of Wight (IOW) County PanFlu Plan was approved by the school board.
- o Epidemiologist attended IOW Schools Health Advisory.
- o Hand sanitizing stations have been established for every school in the district.